

SSB 5844 - S AMD 302

By Senators Keiser, Fain

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1 On page 7, after line 31, insert the following:

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3 (vii) Flood levies. State assistance for flood levy repairs and  
4 improvements must support projects that will achieve the greatest  
5 reduction of the risk to public safety and property from levies at  
6 risk of failure due to changes in flood water flows and deterioration  
7 of the levy structural capacity. State assistance is not intended to  
8 supplant the responsibility of local government and property owners  
9 benefiting from levies to adequately fund the routine repair and  
10 maintenance of levies. Jurisdictions accepting state assistance for  
11 flood levies must demonstrate compliance with the responsibility to  
12 adequately fund levy routine repair and maintenance or agree to a plan  
13 to meet that responsibility. Jurisdictions seeking state assistance  
14 for levies must demonstrate adequate land use policies that prevent  
15 inappropriate development in flood plains, prevent encroachment upon  
16 flood levies, and prevent the inappropriate use of flood levies.  
17 Flood levy projects must be evaluated and prioritized against these  
18 policy objectives by the department of ecology

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EFFECT: Adds flood levy repairs and improvements as a policy objective for state infrastructure assistance.

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